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Photo by Master Sgt. Lorenz Crespo

Reunion

More than 20 years after their last flight together, Col. Michael "Dr. Oz" Droz, Red Flag commander reunites with Col. Jay "Duke" Lindell, 27th Operations Group commander, Cannon Air Force Base N.M., take to the skies again. Their last flight together was as lieutenants in an F-111A Aardvark at a Red Flag exercise. See related Red Flag story on Page 16.

Nellis captains make major

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) -- The CY00A Major Selection Board for Line, Judge Advocate General, Chaplain, the Medical Service, Biomedical Sciences and Nurse Corps selected 2,349 captains for promotion to major.

The selection board convened at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base Texas, Jan. 24 through Feb. 4.

The list of officers promoted worldwide is posted on the Air Force Personnel Center's World Wide Web home page.

Selection statistics in-the-promotion zone for major:

- 1,943 Line captains selected from 2,195 considered for an 88.5 percent rate.
- 43 JAG captains selected from 52 considered for an 82.7 percent rate.
- 14 Chaplain captains selected from 16 considered for an 87.5 percent rate.
- 39 MSC captains selected from 46 considered for an 84.8 percent rate.
- 108 BSC captains selected from 122 considered for an 88.5 percent rate.
- 149 NC captains selected from

199 considered for a 74.9 percent rate.

Selection statistics above-the-promotion zone for major:

- 33 Line captains selected from 362 considered for a 9.1 percent rate.
- 4 JAG captains selected from 7 considered for a 57.1 percent rate.
- 0 Chaplain captains selected from 6 considered for a 0.0 percent rate.
- 3 MSC captains selected from 9 considered for a 33.3 percent rate.
- 2 BSC captains selected from 13 considered for a 15.4 percent rate.
- 11 NC captains selected from 33 considered for a 33.3 percent rate.

Congratulation to the following major selectees:

53rd Wing
Cooley, William
Dupuis, Louis
Hanna, John
Silva, David
Thole, David
Ukleya, John
Nikolai, Douglas

57th Wing
Buchholtz, Cam
Cox, Douglas
Kosman, Tracy

57th Operations Squadron
Duhadway, David

USAF Weapons School
Anderson, Byron
Brost, Todd
Brunner, Christopher

Carr, Vincent
Davis, Theodore
Hambleton, David
Hicks, David
Hoepfner, Michae
Jergensen, Darran
Kennel, Steven
Lindsay, Nathan
Maixner, Jack
Marriott, Tulley
McElhenney, James
Neischel, Jeffrey
Ostovich, Dean
Palaoro, Hans
Perkins, Sean
Pulliam, George
Stevens, Karen
Taliaferro, Jeff
Williams, Stephen
Wroth, John

11th Reconnaissance Squadron
Bartholomew, Cathay
Hogan, Timothy

66th Rescue Squadron
Casanova, Javier
Winner, Steven

414th Combat Training Squadron
Kemeny, Malcolm
Kieffer, Brian
Jezairian, Joseph

547th Intelligence Squadron
Thole, Joan

99th Air Base Wing
Bullock, Kimberly
Hall, Douglas

99th Communication Squadron
Vila, Rafael

99th Medical Operations Squadron
Zepp, Karen



Two PJs receive Air Combat Command honors

By Tech. Sgt. Gayle B. Barajas
AWFC Public Affairs

Two pararescuemen from the 66th Rescue Squadron received Air Combat Command awards.

Senior Master Sgt. Edward B. Lundberg is the recipient of ACC's Outstanding Pararescue Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for 1999 and Staff Sgt. Erik C. Steckel is the recipient for the NCO category.

As superintendent of the pararescue section, Sgt. Lundberg is responsible for conducting on-the-job training, transitioning PJs out of primary aircrew status to mission crew status and managing more than \$1.5 million in supplies and equipment.

"Leadership is the primary reason I believe he was selected," said Lt. Col. Joseph Callahan, 66th RQS commander, of Sgt. Lundberg's recent honors.

"He was given the task of conducting deployments for the past 18 months while managing to

maintain medical, adverse terrain, parachute and small team tactics proficiency on his team members."

Col. Callahan says Sgt. Lundberg's leadership qualities set him apart. The senior master sergeant says his leadership is the reason for his success.

"I've been lucky to have challenging assignments and bosses who have supported me," said Sgt. Lundberg. "This has given me the opportunity and the means to be successful."

The commander continued with accolades for Sgt. Lundberg.

"Sgt. Lundberg managed to not only keep his team combat ready through an innovative training program both abroad and at home station, he also aggressively pursued an OJT program to provide the team the knowledge and experience they need to operate and perform the rescue mission," said Col. Callahan.

Sgt. Lundberg shares the spotlight with fellow PJ, Sgt. Steckel who is currently deployed.

Sgt. Steckel developed and implemented "Communications Out and Close Air Support" procedures for rescue forces deployed in support of Operation Southern Watch reducing the time needed for deployed aircraft to react to threats.

"Receiving this award is

Staff Sgt. Erik C. Steckel is one of the two pararescuemen receiving honors.



Photo by Senior Airman Christopher Flahive

Senior Master Sgt. Edward B. Lundberg is the recipient for Outstanding Pararescue Senior award.

a great honor," said Sgt. Steckel. "I really enjoy my job and one of the highlights is working with the team battle equipment department and the great group of guys in the career field."

"Sgt. Steckel's experience, knowledge, and probably most importantly, his instructional abilities were key factors in the

unit's PJ training program's success," said Col. Callahan. "He is dedicated not only to the Air Force and the rescue mission but also to raising the next generation of pararescuemen."

According to Col. Callahan both Sgt. Lundberg and Steckel played an important role in the success of 66th RQS' PJ program.



Photo by Senior Airman Christopher Flahive

Special Olympics May 19 through May 21 Needs Volunteers

Nellis Air Force Base and Special Olympics team up May 19 through 21. The committee for the program needs 500 to 700 volunteers to be buddies for the contestants and helpers for event activities. This event will have over 500 participants. If you have an interest in volunteering, the committee needs your information as soon as possible. To sign up, contact your squadron's point of contact or first sergeant.

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One Marine killed, one injured in vehicle accident on range

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C.--- One Marine was killed and another injured in a vehicle accident during the Red Flag exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., March 29.

Killed was Cpl. Jamshid Z. Loreda, a native of San Antonio Texas. Cpl. Loreda was a stinger missile gunner with A Battery, and Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion. He died enroute to University Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Catherine T. Loreda, from San Antonio, and two daughters. His parents are Mr. Jamshid Heydariha and Ms. Cindy Salazar, also from San Antonio.

The injured Marine was treated for minor cuts and bruises and was released from Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital.

The accident is under investigation.



Photo by Airman Mark Kuhta

Touch and Go opens

At the podium, Master Sgt. Tim Perez, 99th Services Squadron, speaks at the grand opening of the new inflight kitchen in Bldg. 294. Hours of operations for facility are

Monday through Fridays 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Ground support and in-flight meals are available on weekends. For more information, call 652-7255

Nellis salutes

Congratulations to the following 99th Logistics Group Professional of the Year Award winners:

99th Logistics Group Professional of the Year:

Senior Airman Laning L. Davis, 99th Contracting Squadron

99th Contracting Squadron Professionals:

Senior Airman Laning L. Davis - Airman Category

Staff Sgt. Ronald A. McKean - NCO Category

Ms. Sandra A. Holleran - Civilian Category

Ms. Laureena F. Clark - Support Category

99th Supply Squadron Professionals:

Airman 1st Class Michael P. Lecluyse - Airman Category

Staff Sgt. Ronnie A. Hancock - NCO Category

Mr. John R. Menzie - Civilian Category

Ms. Danielle G. McKeegan - Support Category

99th Transportation Squadron Professionals:

Senior Airman Joseph J. Spor - Airman Category

Staff Sgt. Jason J. Velez - NCO Category

Mr. Richard P. Lalley - Civilian Category

Tech. Sgt. Dwayne D. Battie - Support Category

Staff Sgt. Mary Rose McGhee - Plans Category



Quarterly Award winners for the 99th Mission Support Squadron.

Airman of the Quarter: Airman 1st Class Tara K. Engels

NCO of the Quarter: Tech. Sgt. Muriel Howell

Senoir NCO of the Quarter: Master Sgt. Leon E. Madarang, Jr.

Civilian of the Quarter: Mr. Richard E. Helmick



Action Line

commander.action@nellis.af.mil

652-4636



Col. Andrew Dichter
99th Air Base Wing

Nellis' Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Andrew Dichter. If you have worked through normal channels and are not satisfied with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our email address: commander.action@nellis.af.mil. Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and perhaps improve the process.

Helpful phone numbers

BX Customer Service - 644-2044
Commissary - 643-7919
Child Development Center I - 652-4241
Child Development Center II - 652-5885
Finance (mil-pay) - 652-4844
Fitness Center - 652-6433
Hospital Appointment Desk - 653-2778
Hospital Information Desk - 653-2222
Legal Office - 652-4213
Mountain View Dining Facility - 652-4764
Public Affairs - 652-2750
Safety - 652-7604
Security Forces - 652-2311

Airfield improvements



I was wondering if you could shed a little light on the construction that is happening between the runways?



We actually have two projects on and in between the runways; one to repair the inboard runway and another to regrade the airfield infield. The infield project provides for increased safety by regrading areas around the runways and taxiways to create gentle slopes and remove debris and unnecessary objects. Elimination of vegetation will re-

duce the potential of accidents resulting from aircraft-bird collisions. The other project is the rebuilding of the inboard runway, the runway nearest to the main base facilities. This project replaces the center portion of the asphalt section of the runway with concrete. Coupled with grooving for skid resistance and other repairs, this project will extend the life of the inboard runway for several years of operation. With our busy exercise schedule both projects are active in between our major exercises. Thank you for taking an interest in our projects for the Nellis flying mission.

The 99th Security Forces Investigation has a lost and found section with many items found around the Nellis community. If you can identify your lost items, call 652-8091.

Help solve a crime

The 99th Security Forces Investigation section has a "Secret Witness" Hotline. Nellis community members can call with information about a crime. Callers may remain anonymous. The number is 652-8089.

Spring cleaning safety tips

By Mr. Scott Fedde
99th CES Fire Department

Fires are preventable, so be careful when cleaning around the house. Here are a few tips.

Garbage should be sorted so there are no oily or flammable rags next to a source of ignition, such as a hot water heater's pilot light. Dispose of paint and flammable items properly. Directions should be listed on the container.

Laundry rooms can be a fire hazard. Carefully pull the dryer out from the wall (avoid damaging the gas line) and clean the area of any dust or lint that has accumulated. Dust and lint are flammable, so be thorough and careful.

Heating and air conditioners should have their filters cleaned and inspected to ensure the system works properly.

Family rooms and bedrooms should also be inspected to ensure no outlets are over loaded. Also check cords for frayed, loose or pinched wires.

Smoke detectors should be installed in homes and checked twice yearly.

Plan an escape route from each room in case of fire.

For more fire safety information, call 652-9626.



99th Air Base Wing Command Master Chief retiring

By Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Perron
99th Air Base Wing

I have been fortunate enough to be able to work at Nellis for three years and 8 months. It's been just a tremendous opportunity and pleasure to work with a myriad of organizations possessing so many great talents at Team Nellis.

If you ask me what I have done here at Nellis my reply would be, it's not about me it's about them.

I'd like to highlight all the incredible people here at Team Nellis, but there is no way to name them all.

What I have been able to do is to work with a lot of great people who made and make the right things happen. They've made all of Team Nellis look good!

I've never seen Command Chiefs' work closer together than here at Nellis, it's been a pleasure serving with such a close knit group these past years.

I invite everyone to come to my retirement ceremony and let me say a proper good-bye.



Editors Note:

**99th Air Base Wing
Command Chief
Master Sgt.
Kevin Perron's
r e t i r e m e n t
ceremony is
scheduled for April
14 at 3 p.m. inside the
Thunderbird Hangar. A
reception will follow at
the Enlisted Club. All base
personnel are invited to attend.**



CMSAF addresses recruiting, retention issues

By Staff Sgt. Stuart Camp
Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio (AFPN) — Air Force leaders continue to wrestle with enlisted retention rates and how those numbers drive recruiting efforts.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch pointed out these two issues have a larger effect on the enlisted corps, with their ripples increasing promotion rates and putting more people into recruiting offices.

"The real issue is do we have enough people to do what needs to be done for the Air Force," he said March 25, after he spoke to the Wright-Patterson Airman Leadership School class.

"It is a true statement we were under our end strength last year, but we've been under end strength for a number of years," Chief Finch said. "Our retention wasn't as good as we

wanted it to be, or projected it to be."

The desired manning, Chief Finch explained, looks for a little more than half the people to stay past their first term, about three-quarters to stay in past their second term, and virtually everybody to stay in after that.

According to statistics from January and February, the Air Force reported first- and second-term reenlistment rates at 52 percent and 70 percent, respectively. These are higher than 1999 numbers for the same months, but still below the Air Force's goal of 55 and 75 percent, respectively.

"The bigger issue is how do you keep the people to get the job done," the 13th chief master sergeant of the Air Force said. "When you don't have enough people, you further stress the existing force to do the mission. We've got to find a way to balance that out."

Air Force officials are taking measures to combat lower-than-historical retention rates, according to Finch.

"We're actually working to increase the number of NCOs we have in the Air Force over the next few years," Chief Finch said. "We're going to shift the percentage of NCOs in the Air Force — raise it to about 56 percent, (up from 48 percent last year). We're going to (increase) the number of mid-level NCOs, and as we do that, promotion rates will increase."

The chief explained that to sustain the enlisted corps for the long-term, given the retention projections and other factors, requires promotion rates be 16 percent to staff sergeant, 11 percent to technical sergeant, 19 percent to master sergeant, 6 percent to senior master sergeant and 13 percent to chief.

"It takes us seven and a half years to grow a staff sergeant — that's excessively long compared to other services," Chief Finch said. "The Army promotes to E-5 in about 4.2 years. We have retention rates higher than the other ser-

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View From the Top: Meeting the Recruiting Challenge

By General Lloyd "Fig" Newton
Commander, Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — It's been in the news media and we've been talking about it throughout the Air Force - it's the challenge of continuing to recruit the number of quality young men and women needed to sustain the readiness and effectiveness of our Air Force. Last year, we fell short of our goals and this year is proving to be tough, too. But, with your help, we can successfully meet this challenge.

Our first priority is to strengthen our cadre of recruiters. We're working now to add 300 more recruiters where we need them most, in recruiting offices throughout America's communities.

Air Force Secretary Whitten Peters also announced a goal of raising the total number of recruiters to 2,000, up from 1,000 just a year ago. This initiative will help us establish a regular presence in communities previously only visited occasionally by an Air Force recruiter.

Individual supervisors can help with this recruiter force increase by encouraging sharp airmen to volunteer for this special duty assignment. The assignment isn't easy, but it can be rewarding and it's critical to our Air Force.

We're providing recruiters with more tools than ever to be successful. Paid television advertising is boosting our national visibility to our nation's youth. Air Force Recruiting Service has a web page to help connect with the on-line generation. And, we've contracted for a traveling display, a high-tech attraction designed to ignite the interest of young adults.

"The Air Force Experience" is an educational, exciting display of flight simulators, computer kiosks, dynamic video presentations and an F-16 static display aircraft. It's attracting widespread interest wherever it goes and providing good leads for recruiters.

"The Air Force Experience" is a great idea, but one display can only visit a limited number of locations. We still need everyone in Air Education and Training Command and the Air Force to make a personal commitment in the spirit of the "WE are All Recruiters" campaign. The biggest factor in success can be a person's initiative and motivation.

cial orders within the U.S. I encourage others to do so, too.

I hear many stories of military people being asked about life and careers in the military by people they meet while traveling. You can add the personal touch relating how young men and women can learn valuable skills, gain additional education and see the world to what the American public might hear through advertising and news media. Often, you will clear up misconceptions based on misinformation.

It's interesting to note that two top recruiters for last year served in Honolulu and San Antonio, two cities with very high

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How can you do your part? Volunteer to escort when your base hosts student groups or educators and guidance counselors for tours or offer to speak at local high schools for their career days. Be a youth mentor. Speak at community meetings about the opportunities, challenges and rewards of a military career.

You can also contribute by talking about your Air Force and wearing your uniform proudly as you travel. I've recently directed that all chief master sergeants and lieutenant colonels and above in AETC wear their uniform when traveling on offi-

representation of military living and interacting with neighboring civilian communities. What this tells me is that in those communities where we are regularly seen and where our mission and lifestyle are familiar, recruiting is far more successful. And, we must do more to reach out to communities where there is little interaction with military people.

I believe we will turn the corner on recruiting this year. We're committing money and people to the task, but it will take everyone in the Air Force to do their part.



99th Civil Engineer Squadron annual softball tournament

The 99th CES Squadron is hosts its' annual softball tournament April 14 through 16. There will be a single round robin followed by a double elimination round for the champion.

A meeting for the tournament will be held in the Base Fire Department, Bldg. 277 on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Entry Deadline:
Tuesday
Entry Fee:
\$150
Contact
Tech. Sgt. Ramon
Fitzgerald
652-2317/9630





Teaming up to keep kids safe at home

By Ms. Paula Tracy
Family Advocacy

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child.

In observance, Family Advocacy's outreach and prevention team launched a public awareness campaign to help ensure that Nellis' children enjoy a safe, healthy home life.

From 1993 to 1997, the overall crime rate in this country fell by 21 percent, meaning that most of us are safer today than we were six years ago.

However, during the same time period, reports of child abuse and neglect rose by nine percent, ac-

cording to Prevent Child Abuse America, the nation's leading child abuse prevention organization.

"We definitely need to work together as a community to keep our children safe at home", said Ms. Donna Graffagnino, Family Advocacy nurse and New Parent Support Program coordinator. "No single person nor agency can accomplish this. It's got to be a team effort."

Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed each April since its first presidential proclamation in 1983.

Since then, individuals and organizations have joined together during April to raise the

public's awareness of child abuse and its prevention.

Locally, Family Advocacy hosted an information booth and held a Blue Ribbon Campaign this week in support of the intense effort to stop child abuse.

A poster contest for school aged kids is already in progress, as well as an opportunity for Nellis personnel to nominate someone they know who has demonstrated notable compassion and commitment to children.

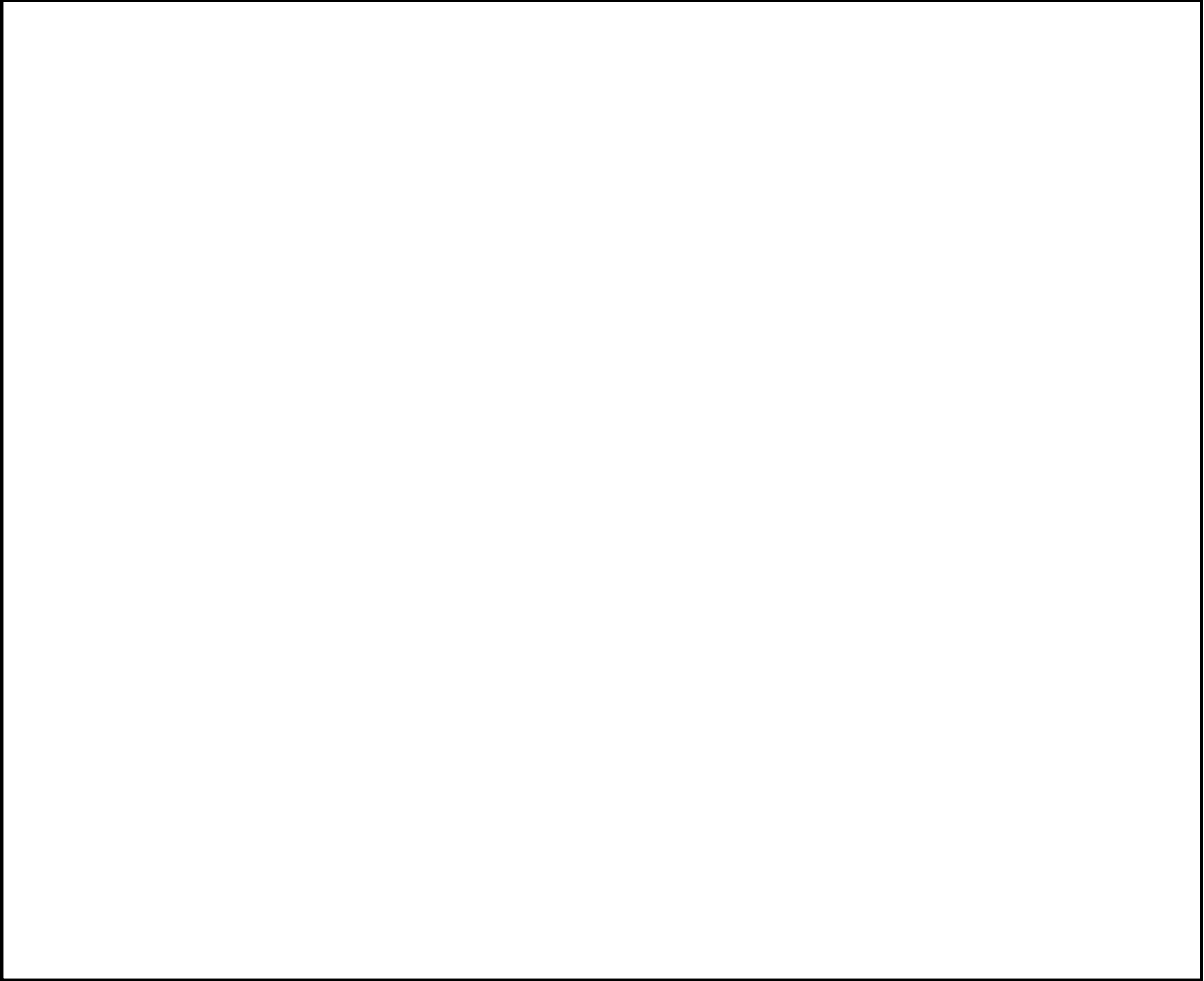
April 22, a one and a half-mile "Walk and Talk" stroll through base housing for kids and parents will be held to emphasize the importance of spending time together.

Poster contest winners will be awarded prizes following the walk.

Parent University, a series of fun, relevant, free classes will be offered to Nellis parents April 24. Among the topics include teen parenting strategies, gang awareness, coping with a toddler, prevention of date violence and rape, and building kids' self-esteem.

To register for a class, call Family Advocacy by April 19.

For more information about activities and resources available through Family Advocacy, call 653-3884, or the Family Advocacy Outreach manager at 653-3380.





Honor

Saturday, the Las Vegas cadet squadrons of the Civil Air Patrol held their color guard competition in Freedom Park with the assistance of the Nellis Base Honor Guard and Red Flag staff. The winning Nellis Cadet Color Guard team will attend the state championships. Left, the team folds the national flag. This was one of the requirements for competition. From left to right Cadet Airmen Michael Maloy, Barney Ales, Michael Mocabee and Precious Cramer.



Photo by Airmen 1st Class Mark Kuhta

Volunteers Needed

The 99th Medical Group's Dental Clinic is conducting a Red Cross volunteer dental assistant training course May 8 through Nov. 10. Military family members must be 18 or older to apply. For more information, call 653-2610.

Bear Poppy plant conservation area cleanup



To help celebrate Earth Week, Nellis is sponsoring a cleanup day April 10 at 7:30 a.m. Volunteers will meet in the area behind Manch Manor in Area III. For more information, call Ms. Marina Knight at 652-4129 or Mr. Eric Watkins at 652-3173, or email your questions to marina.knight@nellis.af.mil





Warrior of the Week

Senior Airman Marlon J. Fuentes



Unit: USAF Air Demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds"

Duty Title: Maintenance Data Systems Analyst

Hometown: Miami, Fla.

Time in Air Force: Four years

Time at Nellis: Eight months

Hobbies: Computers and soccer

Goals: To be commissioned as an officer.

If I could improve one thing on Nellis:

I would like a base shuttle bus.

Most significant Air Force memory:

Being accepted as a member of the USAF Thunderbirds.



Photo by Senior Airman Christopher Flahive

Don't forget
April 26th is
**SECRETARY S
DAY**

Nellis Rod and Gun Club

Spring 2000 military police tactical rifle match begins April 22 at 7 a.m.

The competition is open to all civilian police, active duty, reserve or retired military members.

Registration is \$20 per competitor or \$24 after April 24.

For registration forms, complete rules and more information, call Mr. Bob Gilmore at 652-1937.



Marijuana ruined my life

By Airman Basic Christopher Sorrel

I am an airman basic confined at the Naval Consolidated Brig Miramar in San Diego, Calif. The five months’ confinement is a result of my special court martial sentence for wrongfully possessing and using marijuana.

I had a perfect life. Now, I will never be able to achieve my goal of being a military training instructor and have lost \$2,000 in G.I. Bill benefits that would have helped pay for my college.

Everything I have worked so hard for crumbled right in front of my face because of marijuana. Nightly as I look up in my jail cell I ask myself, “Why did I ever use marijuana?”

Using marijuana, no matter how you look at it, is illegal and wrong. Knowing the consequences and punishments, I decided to experiment anyway. This was a very negligent choice for me. My entire life has been flipped upside down. Being raised in a good family, I was always taught throughout my

life that drugs were illegal, bad and always led to bad things in life. But I was curious and didn’t think of the consequences of using it.

Now that I have been punished, I realize that using drugs is one of the dumbest things a person can do to themselves, their families and friends.

Once you are convicted of a crime, especially drug use, you are looked at differently by the community, friends and family. Seeing my family go from being proud of me to being disappointed is one of the hardest things I have ever had to face. No one wants to be known as being friends with someone who uses drugs.

All of these are devastating blows to my personal life and military career. I would do anything to earn back the trust that was lost.

I had a good job in the military with a real chance to succeed, but I gave all of that up.

Being in the Air Force, I had financial stability and a place to

call home. I knew my bills would be paid on time because I was getting paid twice a month. The Air Force clothed, fed, gave me a home and took care of all my personal or medical needs. I wish I hadn’t taken things for granted.

I have to completely start my life over and find a new job, health insurance and a place to live when I had it all in the palm of my hand. Having a drug conviction doesn’t make it easy.

I want to send a strong message to anyone who is even thinking about using any type of illegal drugs – “Just Say No!” The slogan is everywhere and a lot of people, like myself, pay no attention to it, but it is something that I urge everyone to live by.

Confinement in a military prison is a horrible way to spend any amount of time in your life. I now know what the consequences of marijuana use are, I just wish I would have paid attention to what was always taught to me and obeyed the law instead of learning the hard way.

Penalties for the wrongful use of a controlled substance:

- 1) Dishonorable discharge.
- 2) Forfeiture of all pay and allowances.
- 3) Confinement for up to two years.
- 4) Reduction in rank to E-1 (enlisted).
- 5) Dismissal from the service (officers).



On your mark, get set, GO!!

Approximately 210 Nellis runners braved gale force winds March 31 to support the Nellis Chiefs Group and gain valuable Commander's Cup points. The top male finishers were: Donald Wilson, 99th Mission Support Squadron in 17 minutes 24 seconds; Randy Hilliard, 99th Security Forces Squadron, in 17 minutes and 59 seconds and: Jason Murphy, 57th Aircraft Generation Squadron in 19 minutes 19 seconds.

Top Female finishers were: Pam Bowe, 99th Comptroller Squadron in 22 minutes 42 seconds; Keri Singleton, 57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, in 23 minutes 49 seconds and: Sandy Kenna, Non-Appropriate Funds with a time of 24 minutes seven seconds.



Photos by Mr. John Broussard



Chief

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vices, so it slows promotion down. That 56 percent will drive down the average pin-on time for promotion to staff sergeant to about six years."

Not meeting the retention goals at the Air Force level causes the end-strength shortages and increases recruiting demands. The 338th Recruiting Squadron, headquartered at Wright-Patterson, shares the recruiting burden with 28 other squadrons across the nation. The 338th RCS has just 46 recruiters covering more than 51,250 square miles of territory spread across Ohio, West Virginia and northern Kentucky.

Monthly recruiting goals are around 90 people a month, according to Lt. Col. Roger Foley, 338th RCS commander. His squadron hasn't met all its goals.

"We've been out manned 13 to 1 by other services in the local area," Foley said. One Air Force recruiter is covering the same area

as, typically, six from the Army, four or five Navy recruiters and a few Marines.

"We've been doing it effectively, but it's been a strain," he said.

Air Force senior leaders are addressing the strains on local recruiters by managing the overall manning situation.

"When you have low end strength you have to recruit extra people to offset the losses in retention," Chief Finch said. "Although we recruited more people in 1999 than in 1998, we still fell 1,700 people short. When retention's down, we have to raise the bar — up to 34,000 (non-prior service) people — in 2000. Unfortunately, it does not look like we're on the right track to get all the people we'd like to recruit this year."

Air Force officials are putting more recruiters on the street, Chief Finch said. The chief is asking supervisors and commanders to encourage their best and brightest people to become recruiters.

"I think a lot of people will step up and do the job that they're asked to do," Chief Finch said.

We remember a fallen hero

Tech. Sgt. Charles Wesley Simons III will be inducted into the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. May 13 at 8 p.m.

Tech. Sgt. Simons served in the Air Force for 18 years. While directing traffic during an emergency, he was struck by a vehicle and later died from the injuries.

The law enforcement memorial was dedicated by President George Bush in 1991. It honors America's federal, state and local law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. This year, 275 officers will



Courtesy Photo

Tech. Sgt. Charles "Wes" Simons III, will be honored in Washington D.C. May 13.

be honored.

The memorial is located on E Street, between 4th and 5th Streets, near Judiciary Square, Washington D.C.



Outdoor recreation goes to the mountains

By Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi
AWFC Public Affairs

Outdoor recreation is sponsoring a four-day trip for mountain bikers to Moab Mt. Utah. All participants will leave Nellis at 6 a.m. May 18 for the eight-hour drive and return the evening of May 21.

"Everybody is welcome, but the area is known for its bike trails," said Mr. Tony Taylor, outdoor recreation tour guide. "It's a challenging area to ride in, so if you ride, you must be in shape."

The scenic trails feature the snow-capped La Sal Mountains and slick rock trails. The trip also includes views of Anasazi petroglyphs and naturally formed



File photo

Mr. Tony Taylor, tour guide, enjoys the challenging rides offered at Moab Mt. Utah.

sandstone arches.

"The Colorado River even flows through one of the arches," said Mr. Taylor.

Between rides, the town of Moab offers a variety of cafes, tourist shops and a microbrewery.

The cost of the trip is \$85 and includes transportation for the bikes, luggage and room costs.

"The mountain biking at Moab is indescribable. It's a mixture of fantastic scenery, friends, and exercise and challenge," said Mr. Taylor.

For anyone interested, there will be a pre-trip meeting at the Outdoor Recreation center May 4 at 4:45 p.m.

For more information, call 652-8967.



File photo

Fortification hill

Outdoor Recreation sponsors a trip to Fortification Mountain, Ariz., on Sunday. Participants depart from the outdoor recreation parking lot at 8 am. and return that evening. The hike start out at the base of the mountain, adjacent to Lake Mead, on the Arizona side. Sturdy shoes or

boots are recommended along with plenty of water, snacks, lunch and sun block. Also recommended is an old pillow for the bumpy ride to the base of the mountain and a towel to dry for those who jump in the lake. Cost of the trip is \$10. For more information, call 652-8976.

Earth Week starts Monday

The following events are being held:

Monday

"Bearpoppy" Plant Conservation Area Cleanup at Area III from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Meet in the parking lot of Bldg. 625. See page 11 for more details.

Wednesday

Nellis AFB Earth Day/Arbor Day Fair 2000 begins at 9:30 a.m. at Freedom Park.

Friday

Earth Week 5K Fun Run/Walk, 7 a.m. at Runner's World.

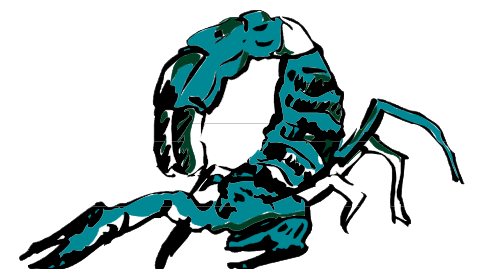
For more information, call the 99th Civil Engineer Environmental Flight at 652-4123.

Desert safety tips

1. Always carry extra water when traveling or hiking in the desert. Between four and eight quarts per person, per day is a good starting point.
2. Wear a hat and sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 15 or higher.
3. When possible, avoid hiking in the hottest part of the day, 12 p.m. through 4 p.m.
4. When hiking or traveling in the desert, leave written direction of your route of travel, in case someone has to find you.
5. Watch where you step! There are cactus, scorpions and poisonous snakes to name a few of the common hazards of walking in the desert.
6. Travel in pairs or in groups.
7. In addition to water, you should also carry a small desert survival kit in your car and in your day pack.

The kit should contain as a minimum:

- a: Matches
- b: Reflective 'space' blanket
- c: Non-melting energy bars, (granola bars are good)
- d: Twine, string or rope
- e: Small folding knife
- f: First aid kit



These tips are not your only choices in the desert. For more desert safety tips visit your local library or click on www.desert-survivors.org/survival.html



Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are at 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. Call 652-5020 for more information.

Today

The Beach (R)

Leonardo DiCaprio, Gullaume Canet
Garland’s novel centers on a young nicotine-addicted traveler named Richard, an avid pop-culture buff. While at a hotel in Bangkok, he finds a map left by his strange, whacked-out neighbor, who just committed suicide. The map supposedly leads to a legendary island paradise where other wayward souls have settled.

Pervasive language, drug use, sexuality and some violence.

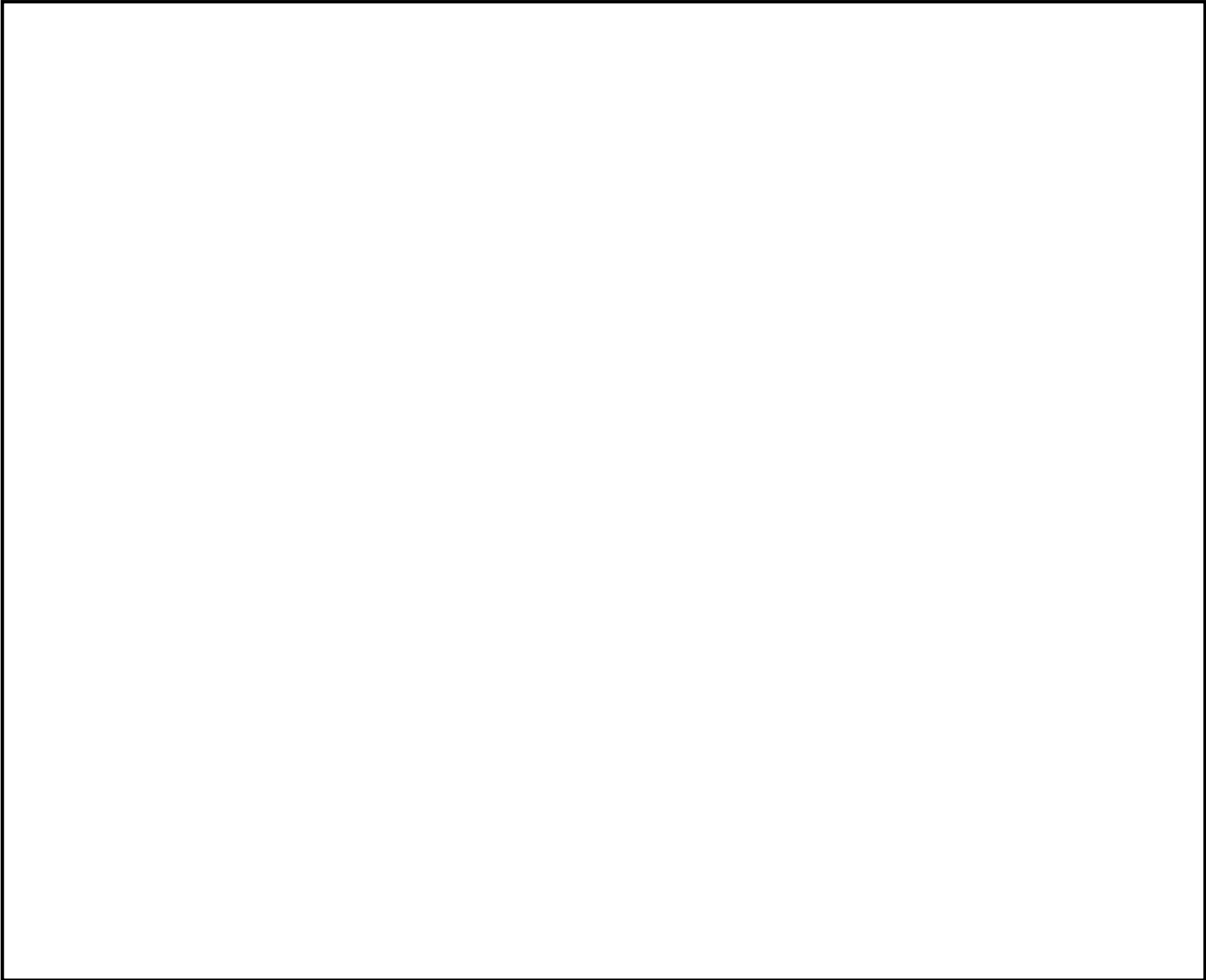
Saturday-Monday

Scream 3 (R)

David Arquette, Neve Campbell
SCREAM 3 takes place in Hollywood during production of “Stab 3, Return to Woodsboro,” a thriller which raises troubling questions about the events that terrified the town of Woodsboro and continue to haunt Sidney Prescott. Three-and-a-half years after leaving Windsor College, Sidney has settled into a life of quiet seclusion in northern California. But that uneasy peace is shattered when terror erupts on the set of “Stab 3.”

Strong horror, language and violence.

Theater will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday



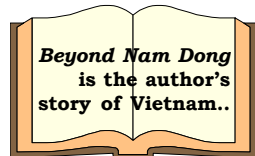


Nellis News

Beyond Nam Dong book signing

The first recipient of the Medal of Honor for valor in Vietnam, retired Army Col. Roger H. C. Donlon, will autograph copies of his book, *Beyond Nam Dong*, at the Base Exchange on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$25 payable to Norma Donlon.

Col. Donlon's autobiography is a story of family, faith, and freedom. He writes about "the teamwork" of growing up in a family of twelve. He describes the battle that brought victory at Camp Nam Dong, Vietnam, in July 1964 with his Special Forces 12 man team. He writes with candor of all the teams that he served with during his 32-year career.



Chief Master Sergeant positions

The Air Force Personnel Center Chiefs Group is seeking volunteers for the command chief master sergeant positions at: 21st Space Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., reporting no later than May 31; 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., reporting no later than May 25; 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.,

reporting no later than July 1. Headquarters Air Education and Training Command is seeking volunteers for the Tyndall NCO Academy Commandant position, reporting no later than June 26.

Contact your Military Personnel Flight Customer Service section at 652-9073/9459 for more information.

Collection of social security numbers

Congress has authorized the Department of Defense to require mandatory disclosure of social security numbers of all beneficiaries of Uniformed Services' health care system. Failure to disclose a social security number when enrolling in DEERS will result in loss of eligibility for medical care benefits in military treatment facilities. For more information, call 652-9073.

CGOC meeting

The next meeting for Nellis' Company Grade Officers Council is April 14 at 4 p.m. in the Officers' Club. For more information, call Capt. Richard Smith at 652-2038.

If you would like to be added to CGOC e-mail distribution list, call 1st Lt. Kristine Munn at 652-7580.

Nellis housing residents

Trash and debris has been blowing throughout the housing areas. All trash and grass clippings must be placed in bags and tied before placing them in the mobile totes. Please ensure recycle items are also placed in proper bins.

By working together and picking up loose trash, residents can keep the housing area clean.

New family housing contractor

Armstead and Associates are being replaced by Chenega Maintenance as Family Housing Maintenance service provider.

The service agreement will stay the same, only the name of the provider will change. Housing maintenance's number is 652-1857 and are available Monday through Friday and for emergency service on weekends and holidays.

If for any reason the service Chenega Maintenance provides is unsatisfactory, contact quality assurance evaluators at 652-7788 or 652-8207.

Joys of parenting

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child, Family Advocacy Outreach and Prevention holds its

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second annual Parent University April 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chapel annex.

People are invited to participate in up to four different areas which include parenting strategies, self esteem, gang awareness and management of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, as well as others.

Presenters are knowledgeable, experienced and prepared to answer parenting questions. Refreshments, resource information and literature will be available.

Registration is required. Forms are available at the Family Support Center, Health and Wellness Center, Mental Health Clinic, Pediatric Clinic, Child Development Centers or to request a registration form, call Paula Tracy at 653-3380 or Donna Graffagnino at 653-3379.

Recruit-The Recruiter team visit

The team is scheduled to visit Nellis April 20. Staff sergeants through master sergeants with less than 16 years total active federal military service and senior airmen with three to six years TAFMS are eligible to apply for a recruiting position. Applicants need to be at the Airman Leadership School conference room at 9 a.m. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The recruiter team may have a location available in your home

state or a neighboring state. Members applying should expect to spend the entire day processing, and those who qualify will be selected on the spot. For more information, call Staff Sgt. William Spencer at 652-5239.

URGENT DRUG RECALL

A drug recall has been placed on albuterol metered dose inhalers manufactured by Warrick Pharmaceuticals. These inhalers may not contain an active drug. Recalled batch numbers: 7-BBS-303 through 7-BBS-642 8-BBS-500 through 8-BBS-826 9-BBS-500 through 9-BBS-832

Concerns or questions call 653-3201 or 653-3211

Palace Chase Air Force Reserve briefing

The Palace Chase Air Force Reserve briefing will be April 26, in Bldg. 20, room 202 military personnel flight, at 2 p.m. Those whose date of separation is more than a year from now, and you are interested in separating early, should attend this briefing. For more information, call 652-9073.

Space Operations crossflow selection

The next space operations crossflow process will convene at the Air Force Personnel Center June 1. Interested officers need to contact their assignments team to determine releasability to compete.

For application package requirements, call 665-3105 or go to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

Thunderbird Chapter of AFA

The Thunderbird Chapter of the Air Force Association will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Officers' Club. For more information call, 655-2241.

Yellowstone lodging

Military and Department of Defense civilians and families can take advantage of economical top quality lodging near Yellowstone Park for only \$55 per night.

This opportunity offers rentals of a 26 foot trailer that accommodates six people. Trailers have every modern amenity including bathrooms, showers, mircrowaves, CD players cookware and utensils. Trailer's are conveniently located near Flagg Ranch, Lionhead Resort and Henry's Lake.

For more information and dates of availability, call Mountain Home Air Forces Base at (208) 828-6333, Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

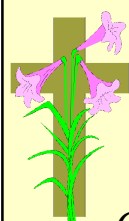
Nellis Living

**American
Red Cross
652-2106**

Orientation

American Red Cross holds volunteer orientation at the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital at 10 a.m. Fridays.

**Chapel
652-2950**



Lenten and Easter Chapel Schedule

Catholic

**Communal Penance
Service**

Monday April 17 at 7 p.m.

Holy Thursday

April 20 at 7 p.m.

Good Friday

April 21 at 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil

April 22 at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 23 at 9:45 a.m.
& 12:30 p.m.

Protestant

Good Friday

April 21 at 5 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service

April 23 at 5:56 a.m.

(Air Warfare Center Flag Pole)

Breakfast follows in

Chapel basement

Easter Contemporary

Gospel

April 23 at 8 a.m.

Easter General Protestant

April 23 at 11:15 a.m.

Weekly Schedule:

Catholic worship

Mass: Monday through Friday: 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: Reconciliation, 4:30 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Protestant worship

Sunday: Gospel service: 8 a.m. Traditional service: 11:15 a.m.

Classes/activities

Catholic Religious Education Classes for age 3 through 12th grade each Sunday from 8:20 to 9:30 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. A Sacramental Class is offered Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

Adult RCIA: Adults who want to learn more about the Roman Catholic faith, come to RCIA Sundays at 1:45 p.m. in the Chapel annex.

Protestant Religious Education Classes (18 months-adult) Sundays from 9:35 to 10:50 a.m.

Lenten Devotions and Luncheons for Catholic and Protestant devotions will be offered each Wednesday during Lent at 11:30 a.m. The two parishes will then join together at noon for ecumenical soup and bread luncheon.

A Family Life Conference on Marriage will be held at the Alexis Park Resort May 5 through 7. This weekend is for couples who are about to marry or have been married for years. Stop by the Chapel for more information or call 598-5367.

Men of the Chapel meet every first and third Tuesday in the Chapel basement from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. Free lunch is provided.

Singles meet 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 652-2950.

Officers' Christian Fellowship is studying 1st Thessalonians at home meetings. For more information on Sunday night meetings, call 643-5739 or for Monday night meetings, call 869-9559.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel (grades 7 through 12)

meet Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and are studying Desiring God's Own Heart. For more information, call 432-3849 or 453-3284.

Widows in the Neighborhood has a weekly Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Monthly activities include lunches, local tours, or attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

Automotive Skills Closure

The parking lot and inside floor of Automotive Skills are under going repairs Saturday through April 24. Owners with vehicles stored at the facility need to move them.

Family Support Center 652-3327

Seminar

Learn ways to turn your dream of owning a home into reality! This seminar is for anyone planning to buy a home. The seminar is Monday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Leaving the military?

The Nellis Transition Team extracted a plan from the "Pre-separation Guide" and can assist individuals with transitions. Contact the Transitional Team at the Family Support Center for more information.

Lunch and learn series

\$2,000 in 2000: Join our lunch and learn series. Save money on insurance. Learn about types of insurance you do and don't need and how a smart money manager uses insurance! Friday, April 21, 11a.m. to 12 p.m. Feel

free to bring lunch.

Military child month

April is the Month of the Military Child. There will be a short volksmarch for children and their parents on Saturday, April 22 with scavenger hunt, balloons and prizes. For more information, call 653-3380.

Predeployment briefing

Held every Monday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 2 p.m. This briefing is designed to help members of the Nellis Community prepare for a TDY, deployment and remote assignment. It also includes the Hearts Apart Morale Call program registration. Spouses are welcome.

In and out Budget PACE

Set up budgets by bringing income statements, a record of monthly payments and a hand calculator. The first step for individual financial counseling is Monday, 2 to 4 p.m.

Career focus program

Come to the Introduction to Career Focus Program to gain general employment data about the local area and get registered in the computerized job bank. Tuesday, April 18, 9 to 11 a.m.

Operation smooth move

Operation Smooth Move makes moving a more pleasant experience. Representatives from various agencies are available to answer questions and to help with concerns. Thursday, April 20, 2 to 6 p.m.

**HAWC
653-3376**

Cancer prevention for women

Learn various tips on preventive screenings and general information on

womens' health issues. This session is open to men and women. Session runs from 1 to 2 p.m. April 21. This is worth 50 points toward the Commander's Wellness Cup competition.

Back to health

A back education class is offered every third Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. The next class is April 19. Instruction is provided on back stabilization techniques and strengthening exercises. Participants should wear exercise clothing. Class is limited so sign up is mandatory. Instruction is provided by professionals from physical therapy. To sign up call the HAWC.

An arthritis activity designed to sustain and improve joint mobility, tone muscles, improve posture and relaxation through gentle, voluntary exercise in a fun group setting. These exercises are conducted with participants sitting or standing. Participants will be screened to determine their level of arthritis. Class meets every Tuesday and Thursday noon to 1 p.m. in the HAWC classroom. For more information call the HAWC or 653-3375.

Men can prevent cancer

Learn about different cancer screenings that are available and how to decrease risks through life-style changes. This session is open to both men and women and runs from 1 to 2 p.m. April 19. This is worth 50 points toward the Commander's Wellness Cup competition.

TGIF

"The goal is fitness fun" run/walk is every Friday

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through June 9. All participants will receive 10 points toward the Commander's Wellness Cup Competition. Individuals may start the run/walk before 7 a.m. Sign in after completing the 5K run/walk. TGIF will start at Runner's World by Freedom Park. For more information on the route, contact the HAWC.

Web page

Check for all HAWC program information. Please note: located on the web site is a tobacco cessation correspondence course designed to help individuals quit smoking that cannot attend the regularly scheduled classes at the HAWC. Individuals must complete the correspondence course before nico-

tine patches are prescribed. The HAWC web site is:

www.nellis.af.mil/units/99MDSS/HAWC.htm

Wellness cup

The 2000 Commander's Wellness Cup Competition continues. The competition encourages healthy life-style choices. Competitors receive points by quitting smoking, doing aerobic activity, losing weight and body fat. The competition runs through June 9 and at the end of the competition, winning units will receive trophies.

Mike O'Callaghan
653-3508

Sibling class

Sibling class will be offered monthly to children 3 years and

up who are expecting a new brother or sister. Classes are scheduled for April 15, May 20, June 17 and July 15 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Prepared childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes are monthly for first time parents. Classes are Tuesday, May 2, June 6 and July 3. For more information, call the hospital.

Infant CPR

Infant CPR classes are twice a month call the hospital for scheduled dates.

Outdoor Recreation
652-8967

London Bridge Trip

Take a trip out to Lake Havasu Saturday and see the original

London Bridge. The tour departs Outdoor Recreation at 7 a.m. and will arrive at Lake Havasu between 10 and 11 a.m. Participants need to bring money for snacks and souvenirs. Cost is \$20.

Skills Development Center
652-2794

Children's ceramics class

Sign up for the April 15 class and choose six eggs to decorate for your Easter basket. Decorations can be done freehand or by using stencils. Class begins at 10 a.m. and the cost is \$7. Stop by Skills Development to see what the eggs look like. Sign-up deadline is Saturday.

Ticket and Tours
652-2192

The 'Price is Right'

May 23 is your day to be the next contestant on *The Price is Right*. Cost is \$55 per person. Not interested in the show? Ride the same bus and go to Universal Studios instead. Cost for this trip is \$70 and includes admission. Reservations are limited to the first 24 people who sign up.

Don't Drink and Drive!